

REMARKS

This Amendment After Final Rejection is responsive to the final Office Action identified above, and in any manner indicated below.

PENDING CLAIMS

Claims 103-105, 107 and 109-111 were pending in the application, under consideration and subject to examination in the Office Action. Unrelated to any prior art rejection, appropriate claims have been amended, cancelled (without prejudice or disclaimer) or added in order to adjust a clarity and/or focus of Applicant's claimed invention. That is, the amendments to the claims are unrelated to any prior art or scope adjustment, and are simply clarified claims in which Applicant is presently interested. Therefore, at entry of this paper, Claims 103-105, 107 and 109 remain pending for further consideration and examination in the application.

ALLOWED CLAIMS

Claims 103-105, 107 and 109 have been allowed in the application, as indicated at Item 3 on page 2 of the final Action, and renewal of the allowance is respectfully requested. Applicant and the undersigned respectfully thank the Examiner for such indication of allowable subject matter.

REJECTION UNDER 35 USC §102 - CLAIMS CANCELED

The 35 USC §102 rejection of Claims 110 and 111 based upon Morgan (US 4,992,866 A) is respectfully traversed. Despite strong traversal, the present

cancellation of the rejected claims (without prejudice or disclaimer) to move Claims 103-105, 107 and 109 to immediate allowance has rendered such rejection and traversal arguments therefor obsolete at this time. The above statements, and the cancellation of claims (without prejudice or disclaimer), should not be taken as an indication or admission that the rejection was valid, but is merely use of a procedural approach to obviate the rejection and expedite allowance of the application. Accordingly, withdrawal of such §102 rejection and express written allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

It is respectfully submitted that any and all claim amendments and/or cancellations submitted within this paper and throughout prosecution of the present application are without prejudice or disclaimer of any scope or subject matter. Further, Applicant respectfully reserves all rights to file subsequent related application(s) (including reissue applications) directed to any/all previously claimed limitations/features which have been subsequently amended or cancelled, or to any/all limitations/features not yet claimed, *i.e.*, Applicant continues (indefinitely) to maintain no intention or desire to dedicate or surrender any limitations/features of subject matter of the present application to the public.

EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the local D.C. area number 703-312-6600, to discuss an Examiner's Amendment or other suggested

actions for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims listed above as presently being under consideration in the application are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested.

This Amendment After Final Rejection is being submitted within the shortened statutory period for response to the Office Action mailed 24 March 2004, and therefore, no Petition for extension of time or fee is required. To whatever other extent is actually necessary, Applicant respectfully petitions for extension time under 37 CFR §1.136. Further, no additional fees are required for entry of this paper. Please charge any actual required fees to ATSK Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (referencing Case No. 500.31754CX2).

Respectfully submitted,



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